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Introduced by: (KID)

AN ACT CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE PREVENTION COUNCIL AND STATE AGENCY PREVENTION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES IN CRISIS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 4-67v of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- For the biennial budget for the fiscal years commencing July 1,
- 4 [2003, and ending June 30, 2005] 2007, and each biennium thereafter,
- 5 the Governor's budget document shall include a prevention report
- 6 [presenting] that corresponds with the prevention plans and goals
- 7 identified in section 4-67u. The budget document shall:
- 8 (1) Present in detail for each fiscal year of such biennium the
- 9 Governor's recommendation for appropriations for prevention services
- 10 classified by those budgeted agencies [involved in the State Prevention
- 11 Council and showing, that provide prevention services to children,
- 12 youth and families;
- 13 (2) Indicate the Governor's progress toward meeting the goal that,
- 14 by the year 2020, at least ten per cent of total recommended

- 15 <u>appropriations for each such budgeted agency be allocated for</u> 16 <u>prevention services; and</u>
- 17 (3) Include, for each applicable budgeted agency and its 18 subdivisions, (A) a list of agency programs that provide prevention 19 services, (B) the actual prevention services expenditures for the fiscal 20 year [ending June 30, 2003] preceding such biennium, by program, (C) 21 the estimated prevention services expenditures for the fiscal year 22 [commencing July 1, 2003, and] preceding such biennium, (D) an 23 identification of research-based prevention services programs, [. The 24 Governor's budget shall also include] and (E) a summary of all 25 prevention services by each applicable budgeted agency [,] identifying 26 the total for prevention services included in the budget.
- 27 Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2006) For the biennial budget for 28 the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2007, four per cent of the 29 recommended appropriations in the Governor's budget for each 30 budgeted agency that provides prevention services to children, youth 31 or families shall be dedicated to such prevention services. For the 32 biennial budget for the fiscal years commencing July 1, 2009, and each 33 biennium thereafter until June 30, 2019, said four per cent shall be 34 increased by at least one per cent each biennium until the amount of 35 ten per cent is attained. For the biennial budget for the fiscal years 36 commencing July 1, 2019, and each biennium thereafter, the amount 37 for prevention services shall be not less than ten per cent of the 38 recommended appropriation for each such budgeted agency.
- Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 4-67t of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective* 41 October 1, 2006):
- (a) There is established a State Prevention Council consisting of the following members or their designees: (1) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management; (2) the Commissioner of Social Services; (3) the Commissioner of Children and Families; (4) the Commissioner of Public Health; (5) the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction

Services; (6) the Commissioner of Education; (7) the Commissioner of 47 48 Mental Retardation; [and] (8) the Chief Court Administrator; (9) the 49 Commissioner of Higher Education; (10) the speaker of the House of 50 Representatives; (11) the president pro tempore of the Senate; (12) the 51 minority leader of the House of Representatives; (13) the minority leader of the Senate; (14) the chairpersons and ranking members of the 52 53 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance 54 of matters relating to appropriations, education, human services and 55 public health, (15) the chairpersons and ranking members of the select 56 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters 57 relating to children, (16) the executive director of the Children's Trust 58 Fund; and (17) the executive director of the Commission on Children. 59 The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the 60 secretary's designee, and the chairpersons of the select committee of 61 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to 62 children, shall serve as [chair] chairpersons of the council. The council may expand its membership to include other state agency 63 64 representation as it deems appropriate.

(b) The State Prevention Council's purpose is to (1) establish a prevention framework for the state, (2) recommend a comprehensive state-wide prevention plan, (3) better coordinate existing and future prevention expenditures across state agencies, and (4) increase fiscal accountability.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2006	4-67v
Sec. 2	October 1, 2006	New section
Sec. 3	October 1, 2006	4-67t(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) amend the budgeting process related to state prevention services for children, youth and families to require that certain budgetary benchmarks are met, and (2) expand the membership of the State Prevention Council.

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[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]